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Algona High School Court 2010

Janelle Wittenberg

Just around the corner is Homecoming 2010. Along with Homecoming comes the Homecoming king and queen. The AHS Homecoming court this year contains five boys and five girls.

The queen candidates are Morgan Coleman, the daughter of Dale and Marlene Coleman. Morgan participates in concert choir, vocal jazz, speech, Model UN, drama, National Honor Society, cheerleading, and 4-H. She enjoys reading, baking, and hanging out with friends. Katie Connick is the daughter of Brian and Cari Connick. Katie is involved in cross country, choir, track and field, speech, outdoors club, student senate, 4-H, and her church's praise choir. Katie loves cheesecake. Allie Simpson is the daughter of Roger and Roxie Simpson. Allie participates in volleyball, track, concert band, color guard, band council, student senate, honor roll, 4-H, summer swim team, and club volleyball. Allie enjoys working at the YMCA and Algona Aquatic Center as a lifeguard and swimming instructor. Kari Simpson is the daughter of Lori Simpson. Kari participates in HOSA and is the varsity football manager. She enjoys



being in the Y-Pal program and spending time with family and friends. Laura TerHark is the daughter of Todd and Shelly TerHark. Laura is involved in volleyball, basketball, National Honor Society, and honor roll. She enjoys watching movies, reading books, playing summer basketball, and being with family and friends.

The king candidates are Cane Arrowood, son of Dave Arrowood and Michelle Thul. Cane is active in football and track. He enjoys lifting weights and works at the YMCA childcare. Ryan McMahon is the son of Jim and Lynn McMahon. He has participated in cross country, basketball, track, Mock Trial,

and National Honor Society. For sports awards, he has been an individual and team qualifier for three years in cross country, received 1st and 2nd team All-Conference and 3rd team All-State recognition for basketball, and was on two 4x800 State track championship relays. Jeff Burtnett is the son of Bill and Sonya Burtnett. Jeff is part of National Honor Society, Model U.N., football, basketball, track, baseball, and Mock Trial. He is currently employed at Fridley's State Five movie theater and enjoys playing the Xbox 360. Connor McGuire is the son of Don and Kathy McGuire. Connor is a 4-year Quiz Bowl captain, member of Model U.N., and involved

in many sports. He loves traveling and has been to 10 foreign countries. Michael McMahon is the son of Jim and Lynn McMahon. Michael is involved in Quiz Bowl, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, football, basketball, track, and baseball. He has received All-District honors in football, was a part of a Conference championship team in basketball, and was a two-time State track champion in the 4x8.

On Thursday, September 30th, the AHS student body will vote for the 2010 Homecoming king and queen. At 1:30 on Friday, October 1st, coronation will take place in the gym and the Homecoming king and queen will be revealed.

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Fresh kitchen

Cane Arrowwood

Open this year is the brand new AHS home economics kitchen. The kitchen is a remodeled room across from the old home economics room. The kitchen was built because the new middle school will be using the old home economics room.

The kitchen is filled with brand new appliances and is furnished with stools and tables. Besides all the

necessary appliances, each kitchen has their own sink and plenty of counter space.

Mrs. Bormann has many great things to say about her new teaching area, "The kitchens have enough room for everyone." With six kitchens, the new room is more spacious and less packed than the old one.



Above: Students are working hard in the new home economics room.

Farm Safety Day

Karl Nicolaus

The third grade Farm Safety Camp was held Wednesday, September 8, at the Kossuth County Fairgrounds. The extension office organized the camp for Kossuth County third graders.

Seven Algona FFA members were at the event: Maddie Gisch, Mike Gade, Ean Weber, Lee Wegener, Nathan Skallerup, Kevin Laubenthal, and Karl Nicolaus. They led the third graders around the fairgrounds to the nine different safety stations.

The stations were chemicalsafety, animalsafety, first aid, grain safety, tractor rollover, lawn mower/ATV safety, electrical safety, PTO safety, and fire safety. "It was a fun learning experience and all the kids should be safe," says Lee Wegener.

A few safety tips that will keep you safe on a farm are never get into a wagon full of grain while it is unloading. Keep all guards and shields in place, and always stay in view of the operator of a machine.



Left: Senior swimmers Nicole Person and Missy Zadow were recognized at their home meet on Thursday, September 16th. Missy has been a member of swim team for 4 years and Nicole has been a member for 3 years.

Right: Nicole Kenne pushes herself to the finish line in the 200 Free on Thursday, September 16th.



Competencia de la prueba de la salsa

D.J. Throckmorton

On Wednesday, September 8, Mrs. Bormann's Food & Nutrition II class held a salsa tasting contest. Six groups competed in the salsa contest.

Each group started with six pounds of tomatoes, a half of cup of vinegar, and a package of premixed Mrs. Wage's salsa mix. Each group then could add as

many peppers, onions, or seasonings as they wanted. Some of these ingredients were bought from the local grocery store and others were donated from students' gardens.

After cooking and canning the salsa, a judges panel consisting of teachers and students tested each group's salsa. Judges rated

the salsas on consistency, overall taste, appearance, and overall heat.

After careful consideration and a glass of water, the judges tallied the scores and in a close race, declared the students of the red kitchen, Megan Ingalls, Brittany Jo Meyer, Jamie Mueller, and Jessica Mueller, victors.



Below: Bronson Jergenson shows off his salsa.

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Runnin' wild

Taylor Prothman

On Tuesday, September 14th, the Cross Country team ran in the Storm Lake Invitational against Unity Christian, Storm Lake, Spirit Lake, Kuemper, Denison-Schleswig, Algona, MOC-FV, Spencer, LeMars, Manson, NW Webster, Sioux City East, East Sac, Cherokee, and Estherville-Lincoln Central.

The boys placed 6th overall with 149 points. Top finishers for the boys were Ryan McMahon in 1st with a time of 15:45. Other runners for the Bulldogs were Johnny Aboud in 26th, Joe Schattschneider in 27th, John Krause 40th, Christian

Parker in 55th, Mason Altman in 60th, and Noah Hollinger in 67th. In the boys' race there were around 120 runners overall.

The girls placed 2nd at the Storm Lake Invitational. The top finishers for the Lady Bulldogs were Tangy Wiseman in 3rd with a time of 15:46 and Allana Lauck in 8th with a time of 16:11. Other runners were Katie Green in 21st, Katie Connick 27th, Paige Yi 28th, Kyle Klepper 30th, and Anna Zeller in 37th out of around 120 runners.

The next Cross Country meet will be at Humboldt on the 20th of September.



Above: Tangy Wiseman edges out her competition at Storm Lake.

Right: Johnny Aboud races to the finish at the Storm Lake Invitational.

Photos by John Aboud



Bump, set, spike...

Mackenzie Siefken

The Bulldogs are starting the season off very well, they keep the wins going as they won their first NCC match against the Humboldt Wildcats and also won their first weekend tournament at Spencer.

They ended up finishing the Spencer tournament with a perfect record of 5-0, not even losing one game on the day. The girls defeated the teams: Cherokee 21-4, 21-1; Maple Valley 21-19, 21-11; Sergeant Bluff Luton 21-16, 21-19; Humboldt 21-13, 21-17; and Spencer 21-13, 21-8.

The volleyball girls had a great jump on their season, defeating the Humboldt Wildcats in NCC action this past Thursday, September 9th, with the scores of 25-15, 25-10, 25-16.

The Bulldogs had a huge NCC win Tuesday, September 14th, against Hampton-Dumont. Hampton started off the night winning the first

two games and leaving the Algona girls looking for a battle. The girls fought back, winning the next three games to win the match. Scores of the games were 23-25, 21-25, 25-19, 25-17, 15-11. Brittany Vaske had a great night with 18 kills, was 17-18 in serves, and scored 3 aces. Jade Simpson and Allie Simpson both had 9 kills for the Bulldogs, Mackenzie Siefken had 7 kills, and Rachel Teague had 5 kills. Megan Gerhardt and Carly Sansone were good on the line with Megan Gerhardt going 17-18 serves with 2 aces and Carly Sansone was a perfect 14-14 from the service line.

Cross-town rivals, the Garrigan Bears, will be another good match-up for the Bulldogs on Thursday, September 16th.

This weekend the Bulldogs are going to be participating in the Forrest City Tournament.



Right: Brittany Vaske goes up for a block against Hampton-Dumont.

Photo by Jim Gale

The Expendables

Matt Olson

At the State Five Theatre there are many good movies showing. One movie that is an action-packed thrill ride is *The Expendables*. Producer Sylvester Stallone does a great job producing this film.

This movie stars Jet Li, Jason Statham, Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, and Sylvester Stallone. *The Expendables* is an "R" rated film about a team of Jet Li, Jason Statham, Bruce Willis, and Sylvester Stallone

The award goes to...

Clarissa Laubenthal

The Video Music Awards were all about collaborations. The red carpet was white and the stage was high tech. Before the show even started, Lady Ga Ga took Best Dance and Best Collaboration video. Eminem opened the show with "Not Afraid" then Rihanna joined him in "Love the Way You Lie." Eminem won two awards, Best Hip Hop Video and Best Male Video.

Chelsea Handler was the host of the night and made VMA history for being the first female host within the last sixteen years.

Justin Bieber performed and won Best New Artist. Lady Ga Ga took the show, winning six more: Best Editing, Best Direction, Best Choreography, Best Female Video, Best Pop Video, and Video of the Year.

Between all of the awards, other performances came from: Drake, Mary J. Blige, and Swizz Beats.

rescuing a female who they meet in a foreign country. She is the daughter of the leader of that country. They go through many rounds of country security and almost come close to death many times. There is a lot of shooting and explosions in this film.

If you want to see a very exciting and action-packed movie, go see *The Expendables*. This film may be the hit of the year and you definitely do not want to miss out on this one!

Then B.O.B, Bruno Mars and Hayley Williams, and Paramore. Other performances by Florence and the Machine, Usher, Justin Beiber and his drum solo, deadmau5, Jason Derulo, Travise McCoy, Linkin' Park, Taylor Swift, and Kanye West.

Other awards were Best Cinematography to Jay-Z and Alicia Keys for "Empier State of Mind." Breakthrough Video went to The Black Keys "Tighten Up." Best Special Effects in "Uprising" by Muse. 30 Second to Mares "Kings to Queens" won Best Rock Video. Last Florence and the Machine "Dog Days are Over" won Best Art Direction.

Hawks beat the Cyclones

Jacob Foust

Iowa is still holding onto the Cy-Hawk trophy after their match-up on Saturday, September 11th.

The Hawks were ahead 28 to 0 at half time. Iowa took the lead early in the game. The Hawks scored on four out of five drives. After the third quarter, the Hawks put in their secondary team. After that the Cyclones put points on the board against Iowa for the first time in 15 quarters. Iowa ended up winning 35-7. Parth Patel exclaimed, "I knew it!!!!"

Iowa is rated number 9 in the country. The Hawks have 18 out of 24 seniors on

their starting team. Sam Curtis said, "It was a sad day to be a Cyclone."



Above: Jace Taylor shows his Hawkeye pride.

"Best" buffet?

Chris Arend

Every person has different taste in what they like to eat, and lately there has been a lot of talk about Best Buffet.

Best Buffet is located on Highway 169 on the strip mall between Hallmark and the old Movie Gallery. It takes the all-you-can-eat buffet style that people love with Chinese cuisine.

You have many options when you first walk in, including which Coca-Cola product you want to drink. After you purchase the buffet, which is very reasonably priced at under \$9, you get to look at the smorgasbord of cuisine. The buffet includes

items like broasted salmon, egg drop soup, and even Chinese donuts. If you don't necessarily like the buffet style of eating, you can also order off of a menu including nearly 40 items for your consumption.

Their food is one thing, but restaurant cleanliness is another. Their tables were clean, but the floor felt like they mopped it with school paste. Senior Brandon Gifford stated, "Good food, bad restaurant."

If you want good Chinese food in a good eating environment, Sum Hing is the place to go.

School News

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Combine the Cubs

Jenni Weaver

This year's Homecoming theme is Combine the Cubs. The week of Homecoming is the 27th of September through the 1st of October.

Saturday, September 25, between 1-8:30 is hall and float decorating. Everyone gets supplies furnished for an equal decoration field. Also, Sunday, September 26, between 2:30 and 8:30, everyone will finish hall and float decorating.

For dress up days, Monday is pajama day, Tuesday is farmer day, Wednesday is awesome 80s day, Thursday is dress up day (it is picture day at AHS), and Friday is red and black day. Everyone should help participate in dressing up for these days as the best dressed for each day will receive a prize at the pep rally.

Wednesday is the muscle volleyball and powderpuff football contest between the grades. Muscle volleyball is played by boys and starts at 6:30 in the gym. Powderpuff football follows, at approximately 8:00 on the football field, and is played by the girls.

Six teachers are participating in the "Kiss the Pig" contest. Mr. Bormann, Mrs. TerHark, Mr. Kuecker, Mr. Kissinger, Mr. Kelley, and Mr. Ahlers were all chosen by the student senate. Whichever teacher has the most money in their jar at the end of the week has to kiss

a pig at the pep rally. This fundraiser will help cover Homecoming expenses. The jars will be in the commons during the lunch periods and in the library throughout the day.

Also this year is a Farmer's Market. Homerooms will collect items for the food pantry during Homecoming week. The homeroom that donates the most items to the food pantry will win a homemade breakfast, courtesy of Mrs. Fonley.

Friday is the big game day, pep rally, and parade. The pep rally starts at 1:30, and the parade starts at 2:45. The Booster Club is sponsoring a tailgate supper from 5-7. AHS will host the Nevada Cubs starting at 7:30.

During the pep rally, each grade will have representatives compete in *Minute to Win It* themed games. Based off the TV show *Minute to Win It*, students and staff will compete in games that last one minute. The competitions all use household items and must be completed before a minute is out.

Last but not least is the Homecoming dance, following the football game. The dance will end at midnight. To get in it costs three dollars for individuals or five dollars for a couple.

With all these fun activities planned, it should be a great Homecoming!

Back 2 School BBQ

Tyler Mawdsley

The 2010-2011 school year kicked off in tasty fashion as AHS hosted its yearly Back to School BBQ. Junior Nick Bitz was DJ for the evening and played some great tunes. In addition to the many students there, several AHS staff members attended the event.

There was a spirit of competition among the spatula-wielding teams because only a select few could win prized bottles of Countryside BBQ Sauce.

Teams that won

the mouth-watering sauce included the senior team of Tommy Christian, Melinda Schultze, Ally Klepper, & Allana Lauck; the duo of Seth Eischeid & Scott Haas; the trio of Mike Gade, Cody Buscher, & Lee Wegener; and the team of Austin Warmbier, Katie Connick, & Joey Schattschneider.

However, at such a delicious occasion, there really were no winners or losers. Senior Travis Stone said, "The food was absolutely delicious!"



Above: The Back to School BBQ winners pose with their prizes. Back Row: Tommy Christian, Melinda Schultze, Ally Klepper, Joey Schattschneider, Lee Wegener, and Cody Buscher; Middle Row: Allana Lauck, Austin Warmbier, Katie Connick, and Michael Gade; Front Row: Seth Eischeid and Scott Haas.



Right: Cody Buscher works at the grill at the Back to School BBQ.

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New At-Risk teacher

Zach McKenna

There has been a couple of new teachers added to the AHS faculty this 2010-2011 school year. One of them is the At-Risk teacher, Nick Kuecker. The At-Risk room is located in the old detention room, Room 25.

Mr. Kuecker graduated from the University of Northern Iowa. He likes Algona High School because he graduated from here.

Mr. Kuecker has a very important job. Being an

At-Risk teacher means you help kids who are struggling academically. He helps them through their assignments and helps them understand the material better.

In Mr. Kuecker's spare time he likes to play sports and also is the assistant wrestling coach. On the weekends he likes to go to the lake and hang out.



Right: Mr. Kuecker works with Carly Sansone.

Never give up, never back down

Mrs. Spear

The AHS football team is currently 0-3 on the season, but they are working hard for that first victory.

On Friday, September 10th, the football team traveled to Boone. They put up a hard fight but came up short, 0-35. Michael McMahon led the team in rushing yards, going 20 yards on 13 attempts. Blair Bradley completed 11 yards pass-

ing. Michael McMahon led the team in tackles with 9, followed by Casey Hiscocks and Michael Erpelding with 8. Sawyer Frideres ran the ball for 57 yards on 3 punt returns.

Next up for the Bulldogs is Friday, September 17th, when they host Clear Lake.

New band teacher

Jackie Hutchison

This year Algona High School has a new band teacher. His name is Kurt Kissinger. He is teaching band everyday, for grades 9-12. Throughout the day he give lessons to each of the band students.

Mr. Kissinger grew up near St. Cloud, Minnesota. He previously taught at Lake Mills School before teaching in Algona. Mr. Kissinger graduated from Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minnesota. He spent his first two years at St. Cloud University. He is currently in graduate school at UNI. Mr. Kissinger graduated high school from Sauk Rapids-Rice High School in Minnesota.

Mr. Kissinger has two boys named David,

2 years old, and Paul, 4 months old. Mr. Kissinger and his wife, Abby, have been married for four years. During Mr. Kissinger's free time he likes listening to music, performing, spending time with his family, and serving at church. He is also a great drummer.

This year's goal for Mr. Kissinger is to maintain the tradition of excellence that the AHS band is known for. His class expectation is to work as a team towards a common goal of musical excellence.

Mr. Kissinger is a great teacher to have and Algona High School is more than lucky to have him as the new band teacher.



Above: Mr. Kissinger works at a lesson with Nick Eden.



Left: Michael Gade rushes after a Forest City player in a game earlier this year.

Photo by Jim Gale